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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE FOR WESTERN NC

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that \$1 million in assistance was approved for western North Carolina communities affected by the recent natural disasters. Easley requested this assistance from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) development funds allocated to North Carolina.

“Within the past month, western North Carolina counties have experienced mudslides, flooding and other damage from recent storms, especially Ivan and Frances,” Easley said. “These communities are now assessing their losses and identifying their needs. These funds will help meet the needs that are not covered by FEMA, insurance or other resources.”

The following 16 counties served by ARC have been declared state and federal disaster areas during the past two weeks: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey and are home to more than 860,000 residents.

The state will select projects from counties that have been declared state and federal disaster areas due to the damage of Frances and Ivan. Selected communities will provide the matching resources, and the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program in the N.C. Department of Commerce will receive the grant and administer the funds. Most of the assistance will be used for public infrastructure projects.

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